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application of:

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Ammar RAYES et al.

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 16, 2006, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2.
- **Remarks** begin at page 12.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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